



Patient Centered Approaches and the Delivery of Quality Healthcare

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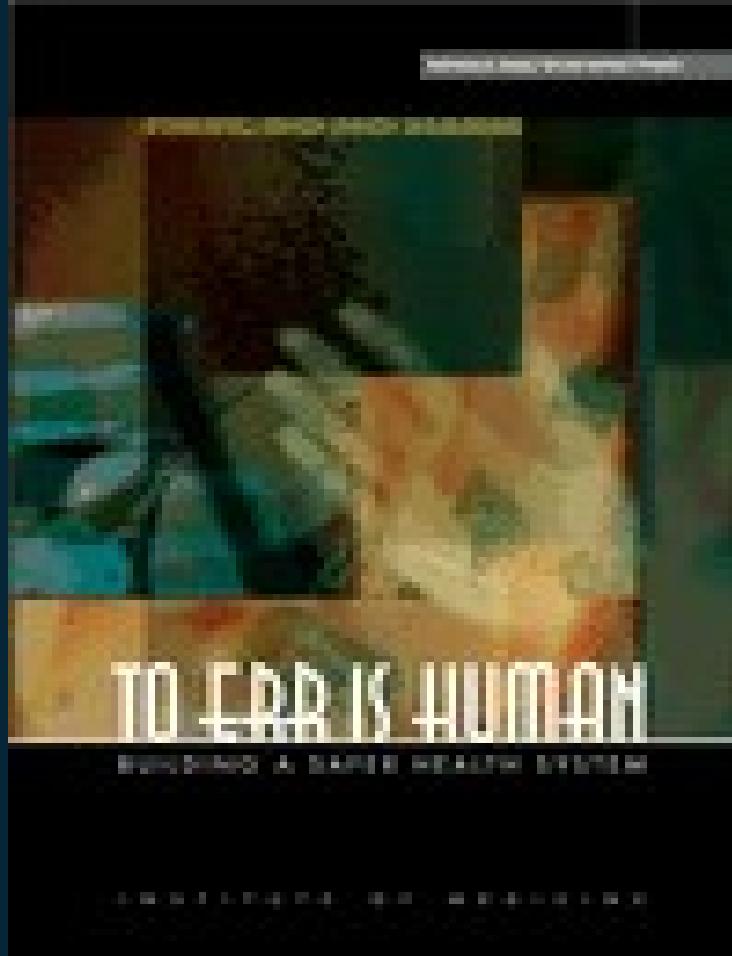
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Well Informed Joint Patient-Doctor Decision Making

To Err Is Human: Building A Safer Health System



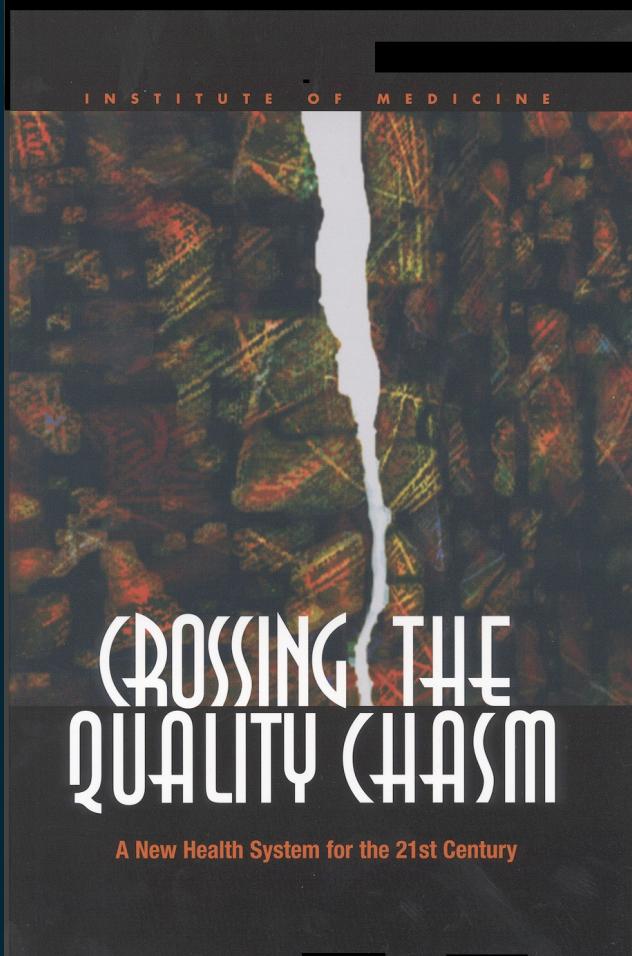
First Report

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Key Findings

- Errors occur because of system failures
- Preventing errors means designing safer systems of care

Crossing the Quality Chasm



Second Report

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Studies Documenting the “Quality Gap”

Literature review conducted by RAND

- **Over 70 studies documenting quality shortcomings**

Large gaps between the care people should receive and the care they do receive

- **true for preventive, acute and chronic**
- **across all health care settings**
- **all age groups and geographic areas**

Major Forces Influencing Health Care

- **Expanding Knowledge Base**
- **Information Technology**
- **Chronic Care Needs**
- **Payment Policies**

Information Technology

Internet has enormous potential to improve care, yet health care delivery relatively untouched by IT

IT Can Improve Quality

- **Safety -- computerized physician order-entry reduced adverse drug events by 84% (Bates, 2001)**
- **Effectiveness -- reminder systems and computer assisted diagnosis and management improves compliance with practice guidelines (Durieux, 2000; Evans, 1998)**
- **Patient-Centered -- Internet can provide access to clinical knowledge, online support groups, customized health education and disease management messages**

IT Can Improve Quality

- ***Timeliness*** -- mothers receiving computer-generated reminders had 25% higher on-time immunization rate for their infants (Alemi, 1996)
- ***Efficiency*** -- 9% of redundant lab tests at a hospital could be eliminated using a computerized system (Bates, 1998)
- ***Equity*** -- Internet-based health communication can improve access and provide a broader array of options for interacting with clinicians

Increased Chronic Care Needs

- About 100 million people (40% of population) have one or more chronic conditions
- Chronic conditions account for more than two-thirds of health care expenditures (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 1996)
- 80/20 Rule: Limited number of conditions account for most of these health care expenditures (Ray et al., 2000)

Delivery System Inadequate

- Dearth of clinical programs with infrastructure to provide full complement of services to chronically ill (Wagner, 1996)
- Physician groups and hospitals operate as silos without benefit of complete information

Chronic Care Delivery Models

- **Planned, systematic approach**
- **Attention to information and self-management needs of patients**
- **Multi-disciplinary teams**
- **Extensive coordination required across settings and clinicians, and over time**
- **Unfettered and timely access to clinical information is critical**

Barriers to Quality Inherent in Payment Policies

Current payment policies are complex and contradictory, and often work *against* efforts to improve quality.

Five Part Agenda for Change

- Commit to a shared agenda of six aims for improvement
- Adopt “10 rules” to guide the redesign of care processes
- Focus initial efforts on a set of priority conditions
- Implement more effective organizational supports
- Create an environment that fosters improvement

Aims For Improvement

- **Safe**
- **Effective**
- **Patient-centered**
- **Timely**
- **Efficient**
- **Equitable**

Ten Rules To Redesign Care

- 1. Care based on continuous healing relationships**
- 2. Customization based on patient needs and values**
- 3. Patient as source of control**
- 4. Shared knowledge and free flow of information**
- 5. Evidence-based decision making**

Ten Rules To Redesign Care

6. **Safety as a systems property**
7. **Transparency**
8. **Anticipation of needs**
9. **Continuous decrease in waste**
10. **Cooperation among clinicians**

Information Technology

- There must be a renewed national commitment to building an information infrastructure to support health care delivery, consumer health, quality measurement and improvement, public accountability, clinical and health services research, and clinical education.
- This commitment should lead to the elimination of most handwritten clinical data by 2010

Payment

- Purchasers should examine their current payment methods to remove barriers that impede quality improvement, and to build in stronger incentives for quality enhancement
- HCFA and AHRQ should identify and evaluate various options for better aligning current payment methods with quality improvement goals

Summary

American health care is beset by serious problems, but they are not intractable. The committee envisions a system that uses the best knowledge, that is focused intensely on patients, and that works across health care providers and settings. Achieving this ideal will require crossing a large chasm between today's system and the possibilities of tomorrow.

Success Stories

- **Iowa Health System**
 - **75% decrease ADE in one year**
- **St. Joseph Medical Center, Illinois**
 - **50% reduction ADE - <1year**
- **Safety leadership Walk Rounds**
- **Safety Briefings**

Important Tools

- **Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)**
- **Electronic Medical Record**
- **Patient Safety Indicators (AHRQ)**
- **Voluntary National Reporting Systems**
- **Proprietary Error Reporting Systems**

FDA Responses

- Bar Codes (VA)
- 15 day reporting
- Safety Center

Disease Management Programs

- **Improved Outcomes**
- **Decreased Costs**
- **Increasing Commercialization**
- **Role of Physician**
- **Motivation for Cost Reduction**

20th

- Autonomy
- Solo Practice
- Continuous Learning
- Blame / Shame
- Knowledge

21st

- Teamwork
- Systems
- Continuous Improvement
- Problem Solving
- Change

Education

- **Systems Analysis**
- **Multiple Professionals**
- **Change / Improvement**
- **Team Functioning**
- **Evidence-Based Care**

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